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In re the Application of:

Masahiro Sunohara

Group Art Unit: 2811

Serial No.: 10/698,940

Examiner: Mai Huong C TRAN

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: May 27, 2005

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 6, 2005, requiring restriction between two alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Action, the examiner made a restriction requirement between the inventions of **Group I** drawn to a semiconductor device (claims 17-23); and **Group II** drawn to process of making a semiconductor device (claims 1-16).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I**, that is, **claims 17 to 23**, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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